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Letter dated 4 April 2005 from the Permanent Representative of Luxembourg to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to bring to your attention the statement on the situation in Kyrgyzstan issued on 30 March 2005 by the Presidency on behalf of the European Union (see annex).

I should be grateful if you would have this letter and its annex circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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Statement on the situation in Kyrgyzstan issued on 30 March 2005 by the Presidency on behalf of the European Union

The European Union is closely following developments in the situation in Kyrgyzstan in close contact with the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe. The European Union has taken note of the resignation of the Kyrgyz Prime Minister Tanayev and of his government.

It urgently appeals to the newly appointed leaders to restore public order as soon as possible, to start a dialogue with all political forces involved and to implement a policy of national reconciliation, in the long-term interests of stability and prosperity in Kyrgyzstan. The European Union takes note of the Kyrgyz parliament's decision to organize presidential elections within the next three months and parliamentary elections within six months.

The European Union urges the new Kyrgyz leaders to act with full respect for democratic values and human rights. The European Union calls on the new leaders to take all necessary measures to guarantee security and stability in the country. The European Union is willing to cooperate with them in this context and to support the efforts of OSCE to achieve this goal.

The acceding countries Bulgaria and Romania, the candidate countries, Croatia* and Turkey, the countries of the stabilization and association process and potential candidates Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Serbia and Montenegro and the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, and the EFTA countries Iceland, Liechtenstein and Norway, members of the European Economic Area, align themselves with this statement.

* Croatia continues to be part of the stabilization and association process.